
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 198

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING OR DEAFBLIND.

SUMMARY

This bill modifies the Advisory Board for Persons Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deafblind by eliminating from its membership the governor's liaison to the disability community. In doing so, it reduces the advisory board's (1) membership from 11 to 10 and (2) chairpersons from three to two.

Under current law, the board's three chairpersons are the aging and disability services commissioner, the governor's liaison to the disability community, and one board member chosen by a majority of the board. The bill instead requires the advisory board to elect two chairpersons from among its members.

By law, the advisory board (1) monitors services, (2) periodically meets with relevant executive branch agency heads to discuss best practices and gaps in services, (3) refers complaints to Disability Rights Connecticut, and (4) makes recommendations to the governor and the Human Services Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/17/2022)